

Remarks

Claims 1-16 were pending.

Claim 7 is canceled.

Claims 1 and 8-11 are amended.

Claim 18 is added.

Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18 are pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 7.

Claim 8 is amended to depend on claim 1 and to require the presence of a hydroxylamine of formula (I).

Claim 9 is amended to be independent.

Claim 10 is amended to depend on claim 1 and to require the presence of a hydroxylamine of formula (I).

Claim 11 is amended to include the limitations of claim 7.

New claim 18 includes the limitations of claims 11 and 9.

No new matter is added.

A fee letter is attached for the additional independent claim.

Claims 1-6 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,262,206 to Nesvadba, et al.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Nesvadba.

Claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable.

The present claims now include the limitations of claim 7 or claim 9.

Applicants submit that in light of the present amendments, that the claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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